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Subject: Representation: AWDM/1130/26 | Monks Park Recreation Ground - Erection of three outdoor padel courts with enclosure, floodlights, shipping container
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have attempted to leave a comment through the website but have been unsuccessful.

I wish to object to the planned padel courts, floodlights and associated building on Monks Recreation Ground.

Why can these padel courts not be located near the existing Leisure Centre?

Why are three courts needed?

My specific concerns:

1) Monks Recreation Ground is a **small park** in the centre of the village that already has substantial areas carved out for the Football Ground, a children's play area, and Council storage. The remaining space is used for informal exercise and recreation including people walking their dogs. I do not think a further large area should be fenced off for a commercial enterprise.

2) Adjacent properties (including my own) are **already disrupted** several nights each week by floodlights until late, along with screaming, banging and music from the Football Stadium.

On hot days/nights it is necessary to sit with windows and doors closed because of the noise and we cannot use the garden.

I note that the noise impact assessment was conducted near Crabtree Lane but that is well away from the main residential streets affected. In addition, presumably all the proposed padel floodlights would be turned on regardless of however many courts were in use, adding to the loss of amenity.

3) There is a serious **lack of parking** around the park. Living nearby, my driveway is regularly blocked in by selfish parking by cars for the football, GP surgery, and people using the parcel lockers outside the Football Ground. Most padel games are played as doubles with four players; when all three courts are in use that is potentially an additional 12 cars seeking parking.

4) What plans are there to **revert the land to its original state** if this commercial endeavour is uneconomical? An attendant during opening hours will be expensive, and the cost to play regularly will be not insubstantial. I am dubious that there will be sufficient custom to support three padel courts. The park already attracts anti-social behaviour, which will be encouraged should Padel Shark Ltd eventually abandon the site leaving it dilapidated and depressing.

5) There seems to have been little consideration of **another, more suitable venue** for this commercial endeavour. The Leisure Centre has more space, and existing infrastructure that could be utilised with loss of amenity to far fewer people.

Thank you,

Dr Fionnuala Rose

